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Quantifiers

many, much, a lot of, a few, a little
How much?, How many?



We use **quantifiers** to describe amounts.

We use **many** with plural countable nouns and **much** with uncountable nouns.
I've got **many** cousins. There isn't **much** milk.

We use **many** and **much** in questions.
Are there **many** houses in your street? Is there **much** money in your bag?

We use **not many** and **not much** in negative sentences to talk about a small amount.
There aren't **many** cherries in the bowl. There isn't **much** butter on my bread.

1 Write **much** or **many**.

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| 1 There isn't <u>much</u> cheese in my sandwich. | 6 Are there _____ shops in your street? |
| 2 You haven't got _____ T-shirts. | 7 They haven't got _____ luggage. |
| 3 I don't eat _____ chocolate. | 8 Is there _____ juice in the fridge? |
| 4 There aren't _____ children in the park. | 9 He's got _____ friends. |
| 5 We don't read _____ books. | 10 There isn't _____ rice on my plate. |

We use **a lot of** with plural countable nouns and uncountable nouns to talk about a large amount.
I've got **a lot of** homework.

We use **a lot of** in affirmative and negative statements and questions.
There are **a lot of** apples on the table. There aren't **a lot of** sweets in the bag.
Is there **a lot of** milk in the fridge?

We use **a few** with plural countable nouns talk about a small amount.
There are **a few** cherries in the fridge.

We use **a little** with uncountable nouns to talk about a small amount.
There is **a little** juice in the glass.



2 Write **a lot of**, **a little** or **a few**.



We haven't got much food in the kitchen. We've only got (1) a few peas and only (2) _____ meat. There is (3) _____ juice in the fridge and there are (4) _____ tomatoes. But that isn't enough for two people. We haven't got any bread. But there are (5) _____ potatoes. We've got twenty! There is (6) _____ milk too – three bottles! So what can we make for dinner?

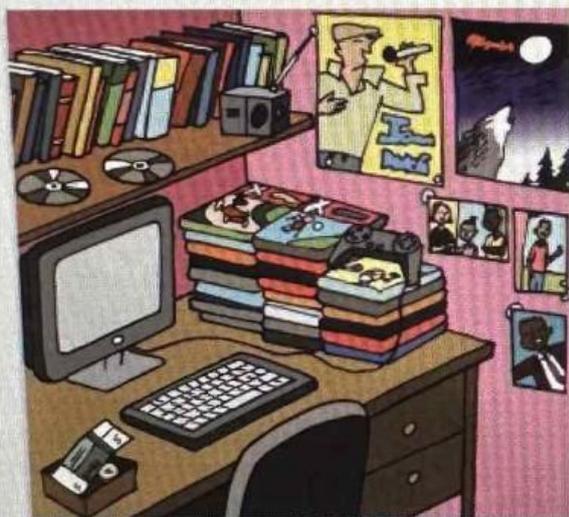
3 Tick (✓), or cross (✗). Correct the wrong sentences.

- 1 We haven't got many money.
- 2 There are a lot of pens in my bag.
- 3 Is there much milk in the fridge?
- 4 We've got a few sugar.
- 5 Are there much flowers in your garden?
- 6 Can I have a little strawberries, please?
- 7 Have you got much spaghetti?
- 8 I've got a little friends.
- 9 Have you got many luggage?
- 10 There aren't a lot of seats on the train.

We haven't got much money.

4 Look, choose and write.

many (x3) much little a lot few lot of



This is my bedroom. There aren't (1) many posters on the walls in my room but there are a (2) _____ photos of my friends. There's a box on my desk with a (3) _____ money in it. There's a computer on my desk, too. I've got (4) _____ of computer games. I've got a radio but it isn't good so I don't listen to (5) _____ music. I haven't got (6) _____ CDs but I've got a (7) _____ books on my shelf. They're great! Have you got (8) _____ books?



5 What about you? Circle and answer.

- 1 Are there much / many posters on your wall?
- 2 Are there a lot of / lot of photos in your room?
- 3 Is there many / much money in your room?
- 4 Have you got a lot of / much computer games?
- 5 Have you got many / much CDs?
- 6 Have you got a lot / a lot of books?

Yes, there are / No, there aren't.